

Bar TT Ranch Entlebuchers

Puppy Application – Litter D

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone(s) _____

Work Phone(s) _____

Mobile Phone(s) _____

Contact E-Mail _____

Additional Email(s) _____

*Please include your MAIN, PREFERRED email address. This will be our primary point of communication. If your spouse or others want to be included, you are welcome to add them on the second line.

Family Details & Household Activity

Who resides at the home where the puppy will live? Please provide first name, relationship to you, age & gender, occupation for each person.

Name	Relationship, age, gender, occupation
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Do any of your family have special needs – mobility, sight, hearing, learning, emotional?

Name	Description of limitations that might affect puppy selection
_____	_____

We may be able to help prepare the puppy to behave appropriately.

Do any of your family have allergies? Who? What allergens?

Name	Details
_____	_____

Entlebuchers bond closely with their people. Whoever feeds, walks, trains and plays with the puppy will likely become their 'special person'. Who will realistically provide most of the dogs 'care?

Name: _____

What other pets does your family have? Dogs, cats, horses, other?

Your Expectations

Please tell us why have you chosen an Entlebucher? What other breeds did you consider? Why Bar TT Ranch

Entlebucher? Have you met an Entlebucher in person?

What types of recreational activities do you anticipate sharing with your dog?

Are you planning to participate with your dog in any performance events? (agility, rally, herding etc.)

Are you on any other breeder's Puppy List? Please provide details. We often work together.

Yes / No _____

Our Expectations

We breed Entlebucher Mountain Dogs because we love the breed. We enjoy having them with us and love to watch them play and work. We have built our breeding program based on proven science and the AVIDog program. We hope that once you understand the science, you will work with us to ensure your puppy has the long, healthy life it deserves.

We accept indications of interest in our pups at any time and keep a list of families. We request applications only when we know that a litter is expected. We confirm families only once we know how many pups we have, any special needs and their sex.

We evaluate the temperament of each puppy at about 7 weeks old. We use this evaluation and your application details to match each puppy to the best available home. No matter how well-bred the puppy

may be, a poor match between the puppy’s natural temperament and the home environment will lead to an unhappy situation for everyone.

We feel that the right temperament is far more important than the sex of the puppy. If you are fixed on a girl or a boy, we will try to accommodate that wish, but it complicates our ability to find the best home for every puppy. It may well mean that you wait for a future litter. Please consider if sex is a critical deciding factor for you.

We take responsibility for every puppy that we produce for its entire life. Our puppies should NEVER be released to a rescue, friend or relative. If ever you find that you are no longer able to provide proper care for the dog, you must return it to us.

Your puppy contract will have specifics on caring for your puppy and dog, training them, feeding them a healthy diet and providing proper veterinary care. There are potential penalties involved for violations – particularly early neutering and allowing your dog to breed or be bred without proper planning. Brucellosis continues to be a serious, highly infectious disease passed to dogs, causing lifetime infection and abortion of litters. If these clauses will be a problem, another kennel may be a better choice.

The science is quite clear. Medium to large sized **dogs that remain intact** (are not spayed or neutered) until they are skeletally mature have **longer, healthier lives**. Entlebuchers mature at 2 years old and females will have had 3 heat cycles by this time. Caring for a bitch in season is not particularly complicated but it does require some extra work. Your puppy contract will require that you keep your dog intact until after its 2nd birthday to improve its longterm health and allow us to consider it for breeding potential.

Because of the rarity of the breed, the small number of founding dogs and the great many that were lost through the wars in Europe, it is important to preserve as much genetic material as possible. The only way we can preserve genes for the future, to ensure the health of the breed for many years is to breed more of our puppies when they are grown. Your puppy contract will require you to have your dog tested after its 2nd birthday to see if it passes the health screening for breeding Entlebuchers. These tests may cost approximately \$1,000 in total.

Your goal may be a beloved family pet, but we asking you to consider breeding just once, to pass along the DNA of your puppy to future generations. If your dog passes health screens we will assist you with breeding at least one litter.

It is a big undertaking to become a breeder of any animal. I have spent years studying and practicing my skills to be better able to manage birthing difficulties, stillborn or unviable pups and sickness of the female during/after whelping. I do not advise you to breed on your own without some serious education and mentoring. It can be very difficult emotionally, physically and financially.

Are you willing to allow us to breed your dog (if it passes health testing)? Yes No

Are you interested in becoming a breeder yourself? Yes No

Health Care & Training Who will be your regular veterinarian? May we call them?

Veterinarian

Clinic Name, Address, Phone number

Vaccinations

We have a science tested vaccination plan, based on measuring antibodies transferred to pups at birth. This plan will better protect your pup than the usual 6,9,12 weeks timing of vaccines. You may need to convince your vet to delay a shot by a couple weeks. We will provide you with the documentation for this discussion and speak to them ourselves if necessary.

Feeding

It is now well known that keeping your dog lean is his best defense against all manner of illness. And feeding fresh food – raw, home cooked or topped with fresh ingredients improves health for a longer life. The puppies will start life on mother’s milk and then will move to raw, commercial dog food. I will introduce them to kibble so that it is not foreign but I do not consider it a healthy full-time diet.

Training

It doesn’t really matter what type of training you do but an untrained Entlebucher puppy is a whirlwind of destructive energy that will not calm down with time. **Your puppy must be taught to relax** as well as the usual puppy skills of sit, stay and come. Your contract will require **two series of classes or 6 months of training** to get you started on the right foot with your puppy. Many entlebucher owners find that the ‘work’ of a weekly class greatly helps with everyday behavior and obedience at home.

You may hear about positive training, balanced training or even aversive training. All training involves offering a pleasant outcome (treat, petting, toy play) when the pups does things you like and providing a correction (harsh word, collar tug, removal of fun item) when they do something you have already taught them to avoid. The style of training is not critical although Entles often respond better to positive or neutral training approaches.

Your Home – Your new puppy will become and integral part of your family & a constant in your home.

Areas where dog is allowed _____

Any areas off limits? _____

Yard description & size _____

Is the yard fenced? Have you tested it with an energetic dog? _____

Entlebuchers can jump – easily over 4 feet. If they are motivated, 6 feet is not always a barrier. Once they feel at home, they don’t usually want to leave, but in the early months, a fence can be a life saver.

Do you have an area where your dog will be able to run and play off-leash? _____

Dog parks can be fun but often the dogs are rough and the people are inattentive. Please be cautious about taking your pup to off leash dog parks and be sure to protect them from attacks. They are **easily scared in the first months and fears can develop into problem behaviors** without careful management.

Your Routine

What is the longest the puppy will be alone during the day?

Where will the puppy be during this time?

Will anyone walk or visit the puppy during this time? How often/long

How many days of the week will this be the case?

Tell us about your daily routine this past Tuesday.

Where will the puppy sleep?

Where will the puppy eat?

What do you normally do for holidays? What would the dog do?

Who might be able to help with dog care occasionally?

Have you discussed your puppy plans with them? How eager are they to help?

Climate

Entlebuchers are Swiss Mountain Dogs. They are best suited to a cool, temperate climate. They are well suited to life at higher altitudes and they generally LOVE to play in the snow.

Tell us about your location and seasonal weather. How will you keep the puppy comfortable?

Prior Dog Experience

Summarize any dog care experience you have. What went well? What was not so great? Please be honest – we will help you have success with this puppy.

Other Animal Care

Tell us about any other animals you have cared for.

Anything Else We Should Know?

Concerns? Questions? Special considerations? You are welcome to call anytime.

References

Please provide 3 people who agree to provide a puppy reference. We need one reference to be a character reference (a friend, co-worker or pastor), a second to speak to your interactions with dogs (dog friends) and a third to provide thoughts on health and care (a vet, vet tech, or a human sports coach if you are new to dog ownership).

	Relationship	Phone	Email
Character	_____	_____	_____
Dog Person	_____	_____	_____
Vet or Coach	_____	_____	_____

Our Policy

We will contact you to discuss your application. You can expect to be asked questions about your specific plans for the puppy. After discussion reference checks and a visit, we will decide whether your home is suitable for an Entlebucher puppy at this time. If we do not find your situation suitable, we will advise you of our concerns. Entlebuchers are not the right breed for everyone.

We strongly advise a visit with a grown Entlebucher before you apply for a puppy. It is important to see how enthusiastic they are and how easily they can bowl over small people or objects. Entlebuchers retain their playful enthusiasm for most of their lives, so although they will calm down a bit after their first year or two, they will not lie on the rug all day. Let us know if you would like us to locate an Entle in your area to visit.

We strive to find the best possible home for each puppy we produce. We do not assign puppies on a first come – first served basis, rather we match each puppy specifically to their future family. If your home is approved for a Bar TT Entlebucher, we will ask you for a deposit of \$1,250 US toward the price of the puppy. The balance owing will be payable before you pick up the puppy. Total price is expected to be approximately \$2,500 US.

We will only take deposits for the number of pups that we have after whelping. If you change your mind, the **deposit is non-refundable**, as we will have extra work to find another suitable home. Deposits will be refunded if we do not have a puppy for you from this in this litter.

Be prepared for **lifelong vet care costs** before your puppy comes home. Many options are available for insurance to cover significant vet costs but they are costly. Setting aside money in a dog health fund yourself may be a good option. The puppies will come home with 30 days of free insurance with Trupanion. You are welcome to extend this if you wish.

Your puppy will be preregistered with the Canadian Kennel Club and with NEMDA, the breed organization. You will be eligible for a free year’s membership with NEMDA. We suggest you take advantage of all they offer – check out their website, attend their online health Open House events and plan on attending Entlefest at least once with your pup.

You will be notified of the pick up day for the litter. Eight or nine weeks old is typical, but it can vary depending on how they are developing. If they need extra time to overcome a challenge, we will keep them longer.

We will not deliver puppies. We will not meet you at an intermediate point except in exceptional circumstances. No puppies will be transported by third parties to their home. If you are travelling from a distance to collect your puppy, accommodations are available in Sundre or you can camp at the ranch. Be sure to remember your passports for the Canadian border and check any travel restrictions (<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/menu-eng.html>).

We need time to go over paperwork, review the contract and allow the parents to feel good about you before you leave with their puppy, so **plan on at least 2 days in Alberta.**

It is anticipated that D Litter puppies will be born and raised at the ranch near Bergen, Alberta. Our closest commercial airport is Calgary International (YYC). We are about 1.5 hours drive from Calgary and 3 hours from Edmonton. If you cannot pick up at the ranch, you may want to consider waiting for the next litter.

Your puppy will have received its first vaccinations, deworming and a complete health check before they go home. We will advise you if any health abnormalities are discovered and discuss any special treatment they will require. We will ask you to have them checked by your vet within a few days to ensure they are healthy after arriving home.

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that puppies are granted to the best homes available based on their individual temperament and that it is not possible to know ahead of time when the litter will arrive or how many pups will be available. This application does not guarantee that a puppy will be suitable for your home.

Names (printed)	_____	_____
Signature	_____	_____
Date	_____	_____